

**HEALTH**  
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**BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

August, 1945.

Gentlemen,

I beg to furnish the annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

STATISTICS.

Area	2393 acres.			
Population	3149			
Inhabited houses	975			
Rateable value	£16641			
Sum raised by 1d. rate	£64			
BIRTHS	M	F	Total	Rate per 1000 population.
Legitimate	25	23	48	17.4
Illegitimate	4	3	7	(rate for England, 17.6)
			55	.95
Still Births	3		3	(rate for England, .50)
DEATHS	23	32	55	17.4
				(rate for England, 11.6)
Infants under 1 year			3	54.5
Legitimate	2			(rate for England, 46)
Illegitimate	1			

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles.	53	Pneumonia.	9
Scarlet fever.	1	Infective Jaundice.	11
Whooping Cough.	15	Cerebro spinal	
Diphtheria.	1	Meningitis	1
		Puerperal pyrexia.	5
Total, 96; Infectious disease incidence, 30.4			
Diphtheria inoculation; estimated proportion done, under five years old, 59; under fifteen and over five, 80%.			

Details of age incidence are now furnished to the Ministry quarterly

Measles remains high, other diseases are within normal limits.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Three cases were notified, two female and one male, all pulmonary and aged 31, 26 and 54 respectively.

Two deaths occurred, one male, aged 55, one female, aged 34 both pulmonary.

Notification of all infectious diseases is satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M	F		M	F
Tuberculosis.	1	1	Bronchitis	3	1
Influenza.		1	Pneumonia.	1	
Cancer of Breast.		2	Ulcer of stomach	1	
Other cancer.	2		Other digestive d.		2
Stroke (apoplexy).	1	4	Premature birth	1	
Heart Disease.	6	14	Congenital causes	1	1
Other circulatory d.	2	3	Road traffic	nil	
			Other violence	1	1
			All other causes.	3	2

## WATER SUPPLY.

This is satisfactory both in quality and quantity. It is tested quarterly both from taps and from the source. It is not liable to plumbo-solvency: no action has been necessary for contamination during the year.

About 80% of all houses have a supply. 65% piped indoors the remaining 15% from standpipes. The balance of 20% are outlying farms and cottages within the Urban District.

## GENERAL STATEMENT

All tests have proved satisfactory and have been passed to me. A very large pit as the result of taking gravel for war purposes was formed and became filled with stagnant water. It presented a very likely source of pollution as it was near the sources of the supply. Fortunately, however, it was almost completely filled in by United States engineers and no signs of contamination have appeared.

The swimming pool. As this is used by the schools it was the subject of enquiry by the Education Committee. It is, in fact, only a portion of the river partitioned off and there is no filtration of anything but large solid material. As a result the analysis showed it to be no more than an ordinarily polluted river, very far from any bathing pool standards. No more and no less risk attaches to its use for swimming than that of the river. The Education Committee were informed accordingly.

Sewerage. Trouble arose from the U.S. Army camp owing to overloading of the grease filter, this was rectified immediately after meeting the U.S. officer in charge and no further complaint has arisen.

Several complaints have arisen of animals, usually pigs, being offensive to neighbours. In one case this was also due to the careless storing of food stuffs. The other cases were all within the law of distance from dwellings and no proceedings could lie. In my own opinion the law is not sufficiently stringent to prevent nuisance, though no danger to health may be provable; practically, I think, pigs should not be kept within a town and persons doing so should understand that they must observe a higher standard of cleanliness than usual as a return for the concession.

Milk. No tuberculosis tests have proved positive.

Housing. No further progress is to be recorded.

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M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

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BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual report of the Sanitary Inspector H. Earl, for  
the year ending 31st December, 1944.

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WATER

Total supply pumped as follows:-		Gallons
for Trade purposes through meters		8.762.000
" Town Domestic Supply		29.509.000
" Bulk Supply		<u>38.601.000</u>
Total Gallons		<u>76.878.000</u>

No new Tappings to mains have been made.

Samples of water from the Town Supply have been Analyzed from the source and from Taps, and the Certificate of Analysis proves the Water to be pure and wholesome, and suitable for drinking and all purposes of a Public Supply.

The quantity of water available has proved to be efficient at all times.

SEWERAGE

	Gallons
Approximate quantity pumped	30.900.000

No new connections to Sewers have been made.

With the exception of few minor blockages, all Sewers and the Sewerage Plant have been working efficiently.

MILK

There are 9 registered Cow Keepers 2 of whom retail milk, and the premises of 2 other retailers are Situated outside the District.  
There are 2 milk shops, one of which retails Pasturised Milk only, the Pasturisation being carried out outside the District.

Approximate number of Cows in milk 200.

MEAT

There are 2 Slaughter houses, but no slaughtering has been carried out. One slaughter house is used as a receiving and distribution Centre for meat and offals for the District.

CONDEMNED FOODS

The following tinned foods, meat etc., was Condemned as being unfit for human Consumption by reason of its decomposed state.:

Tinned meat	Tinned fish	Tinned milk	Tinned fruit	Tinned vegetables	..
36	18	97	2	11	

Tinned Tinned  
soup jam

5

6

Bacon Meat Offals Cheese Sugar Butter  
25½ lbs 172½ lbs 21 lbs 5½ lbs 19 lbs 56 lbs

One Cask of Salted Beans.

#### HOUSING

No new houses have been erected and no houses have been demolished under previous orders. Several small dwellings on which demolition orders are operative, have been put into reasonable state of repair to house evacuees, and other families temporary owing to the shortage of housing accommodation.

#### RATS

The house refuse tip, Salvage sheds etc., are periodically treated for any likely rat infestation.

#### SALVAGE

A good average amount of Salvage materials is still being collected and disposed of.

H. EARL.

Sanitary Inspector.